



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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August 2009 News Letter

Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team

After a mixed bag during early August with a potential convincing win against Barking II, which was interrupted by bad weather and resulted in only 6 points gained from this match instead of 20. This was followed by 2 consecutive defeats against two of the stronger teams in the league, Bow Rovers and Asians. Some excellent character was shown during the last 2 league matches against Leyton County II and Goodmayes with 27 points required to avoid relegation. Two wins and 40 points were achieved in these matches that secured our place in Division 1 for next season.

There was a great example of sportsmanship and playing within the 'spirit of cricket' during the last league match against Goodmayes, where Steve Page and Paul Collis called back the opposition batsman, after the umpire had given him caught out, with both declaring that the ball did not touch the bat. Well done to both Steve and Paul as I am certain that no other teams in the league would have done this, especially as we could have got relegated if we had lost the game.



Paul Collis appeals for one that did not hit the batsman's shoulder

It is now all friendly fixtures during the month of September with sort after away matches against Sutton (19th), Penn Street (26th) and our last Saturday home match against Harold Park (12th).

Notable performances during August were as follows.

Batting

Paul Collis 94 v Goodmayes

Alex Sullivan 71 v Barking II

James Fuller 63no v Leyton County II

Bowling

Keith Blake 4 for 33 v Leyton County II

Biren Patel 4 for 40 v Goodmayes

Ian Havard 3 for 14 v Barking II

Saturday 2nd Team

August was a slight contrast to July where we were still in contention for the top spot. We lost our last game of July by a narrow 22 run margin and then lost our first two league games of August to two teams above us, effectively ending our chances of promotion. Though, we did record our most convincing victory of the season by beating Grays and Chadwell by 250 runs. A special mention has to go to Pete Reynolds for scoring 113 not out (his first ton for the club) and Daniel Skipper who got 93, falling just short of his first league century.



The plaudits do not stop there either as Daniel Sawyer registered a five wicket haul to help bowl the opposition for just 51 runs. Well done to all three for their impressive performances. Daniel Skipper also deserves a mention for his 52 v Goresbrook.



The second team ended up finishing 4th in the league which is very respectable considering the teams in the division and we hope to build on that for next year and push for promotion.

There was also a friendly played earlier in August against Botany Bay where Graham Dordoy showed great character by scoring 65 after his run of 3 consecutive golden ducks (is this a club record?). Rainham also provided their usual generous hospitality in this game by handing Botany Bay their first win of the season!



'Ding Dong' with the bat he used during his 3 consecutive golden duck innings.

Sunday 1st Team

Not such a good month for the Sundays 1st team with 3 losses out of 4 with and a second defeat against good opposition Loxford Falcons. Graham Dordoy achieved his first win of the season as acting Captain during the one and only victory v Nazeing Common.

Notable performances during August were as follows.

Batting

Keith Blake 78 v Nazeing Common
Ian Gibbs Senior 65 v Hornchurch Athletic
Ian Gibbs Junior 35 v Loxford Falcons

Bowling

Reiss Simms 3 for 17 v Nazeing Common
George Light 3 for 45 v Loxford Falcons
Josh Lamb 2 for 18 v Nazeing Common

Remaining games in September are Essex Carriers (13th home), Great Burstead (20th away) and South Fambridge (27th away).

Sunday 2nd Team

The Sunday 2nds play their final game of the season this week against Black Lion CC at home and are looking to secure another victory. We have faced some difficult opponents whose experience was far greater than ours, however we didn't let this affect our game and throughout the season we were able to put in some very good performances in all matches whether with the bat or ball. To date we have played 9 games winning 5 and losing 4. The season has been a good learning curve for all the players which will put them in good stead for next season



Kenny Simms will be playing for Black Lion CC this weekend and will be met with a barrage of bouncers and abuse to which, I am sure, he will give as good as he gets.



Under 13s

The under 13s played their final match against Belhus B on the 17th August. Although Rainham got off to an excellent start by taking 3 early wickets, but a 4th wicket partnership of over 100 gave Belhus B a total 182 runs in this 32 overs match. Rainham managed to score over 100 for the first time but went down by a 71 run defeat.

Notable performances in this match were as follows.

Batting

Sam McCarthy 26
Georgie Gough 12

Bowling

Georgie Gough 2 for 13
Charlie Amato 2 for 37
Harry Light 1 for 21

Special mentions to Scott McHugh, William Emsden and Lewis Sullivan who all achieved their highest scores of the season. and to Joseph Fletcher who has yet to be out in all 3 games he has played.

Ricky Anatole made his debut in this match and will be moving up to play for the under 15s next year together with Scott McHugh and Kieron Howard, so good luck to all these boys in 2010.

A big thank you to Adrian Moon for all the umpiring, support and guidance given during all the under 13 matches played this season and Alex Sullivan for leading all the Monday night training sessions.

The final batting, bowling and fielding statistics for 2009 will be posted out to all that played for the under 13s.

Funding & Fund Raising

100 Club

This was drawn during Presidents Day with the winner being John Read. It has been decided that all money made from the 100 Club will go towards improving the pitch and buying equipment to improve the pitch, so keep supporting this as the outcome should lead to improved playing conditions.

Social Events

Race Night

Another successful night with the club making approximately £500 on the betting and the auction of the horses (or pigs as it turned out be) in the last race for the 4 ball at Bentley Golf Club. Dave Adkins was the successful pig owner and will ensure the chosen golf day will be in the best interest of all fair weather golfers.

Presidents Day

Two matches took place with both matches having exciting finishes. In the morning match there was a mix of under 11s and under 13s with one team making up the 'Flintoff's' managed by Peter Reynolds and captained by Daniel Elliot and the 'Pietersen's' managed by Dave Adkins and captained by Scott McHugh.

This match was decided in the last over with the 'Pietersen's' winning by 9 runs with one of the highlights of the day being Sam McCarthy's reverse sweep (Sam will be offering coaching of this shot to all senior 1st team players next year).

Both captains played their role as they both top scored for their teams, with other notable performances from Ronnie Jackson, Ricky Anatole with their bowling and Nathan Adkins 2 catches.

Other players that took part and enjoyed a good morning of cricket were Sonny Waites, Reggie Waite, Charlie Blanks, Henry Forrest, Harry Wild, George Seager & Regan Simms.



The future of the club prior to the morning President's day match

The afternoon 20/20 match was a closely contested 'President's' (Barry Bumpstead) v 'Chairman's' (Graham Thwaites) XI which was played in a great spirit with the President's team winning by 10 runs, which is the first time the President's XI has won this fixture. This was a very entertaining game which got off to a dramatic start with the Bumper smashing Graham for a 4 in the first over but then Graham taking revenge by taking the wicket of Dave Adkins with the very first ball he faced. The President's XI went on to score 147 in their 20 overs.

Bumper rounded off the personal dual by taking Graham's wicket in the first over of the Chairman's innings.



Bumper tasting victory for the first time

Performances to note from the President's team were.

Batting

Paul Collis 26 not out
Kenny Simms 26
Joe Sarro 23
James Fuller 19

Bowling

Ashley Foster 3 for 6
Barry Bumpstead 1 for 6
Kenny Simms 1 for 7

Chairman's performances of note.

Batting

Jas Hothi 25
Keith Blake 26

Bowling

Scott Foster 2 for 10
Jas Hothi 2 for 16

It was nice to see many past players supporting this event with Bruce Adams, Gary Moon, Jit Singh, Buncer, Mark Jackson and Peter Harris in attendance. Also it was good to see many parents of the youth players staying on to support the senior match in the afternoon and the evening's events.

Well done to Julie for providing an excellent tea, Sharon Adkins for keeping the hot and cold drinks flowing, Peter Allen for all the photographs and Ian Havard and Jack Gilliland for organising the barbeque. Peter Allen will be entering some of the photos taken on the day in 'The Great Exhibition Cricket 09' competition to try and win some further equipment for the club, so good luck to Peter with this.

Alan Aviss was presented with his club honours tie for taking 5 wickets against Harlow Town in a 1st team league match in June 2006.

The last event of the day was the auction, raising over £1,300.00 for the club. Generous bidders on the night were Dan Skipper, Steve Jackson and Dawn Thwaites with many club members also being successful bidders of at least one item.



Sharon ensuring she does not bid against Dave in the Auction, Tracey doing an 'Arsene Wenger' and Julie fed up with Jimbo's comments about the teas

Other Future Social Events.

Friday 13th November at Orsett Hall - Annual Dinner and Dance (this will also be a presentation night with honours ties and players of the year being presented). Tickets are £35 each and we are limited to 120 so please contact Jack Gilliland (07931-731874) early to obtain you tickets

Club Clothing

The club will be buying 20 cricket shirts and caps with club logos during the winter months. These will be ready to buy at the beginning of the 2010 season. Costs will be around £15 a shirt and £4 for a cap. If you wish to get your order in early please contact Alex Sullivan.

Suggestions

If any club members or parents have any suggestions or ideas about the playing and especially the social side then please email Peter Reynolds at peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com or alternatively speak to any committee member as these suggestions will be welcomed and considered by the committee.

Chairman's Notes

Well what can I say, after 3 unbeaten years The Chairman's X1 have finally been beaten, my congratulations to Bumper and his 12 players on the day! It's the 3rd time Bumper has removed me from the crease and I still don't believe he realizes that I do it deliberately!!

On a more serious note though I have to say how pleased I was with the turnout on the day, the weather just about held up for us and I think everybody had a great day. In many ways the day epitomizes what Rainham Cricket Club is all about, its not just a cricket club but an extended family and I do hope that many of the Junior members and their parents will be encouraged to get more involved with us, its your club as much as ours!

As the League season draws to a close I would like to take this chance to formally thank our Cricket captains who I feel have the hardest job in the club. These guys select the sides [not always an easy task], organize the cricket set up, ensure all cash is collected and generally act as ambassadors for the club.

Guys, thank you from all at the club!!

To all members I would encourage you to mark two dates in you dairies;

October 29th- Club AGM, your chance to have a direct say in how the club is run.

November 13th- Rainham Cricket Club dinner and dance and presentation evening, the highlight of the year and always and very eventful night!



Three final points to finish on, firstly my thanks to Jimbo [James Mansfield] for the immense hard work he put into driving the very successful Auction night at the club and secondly my thanks to Pete Reynolds for the on going hard work he is putting into the very soul of the club in many areas.

Thirdly as a reminder to all members please notify me of your choice for the Chairman's award [Which is awarded to someone who works hard for the club off the field] before the Dinner and Dance.

Thanks for all of your support; It's your club

Thanks

Nick (Graham) Thwaites

Chairman